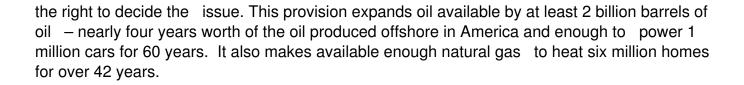


In seeking a workable compromise on drilling, the bill opens up over 320 million acres of land on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts where drilling is currently not permitted and gives states



This is a real compromise effort on a comprehensive energy—solution. As with all compromises, it requires both sides to give. In return—for a responsible opening of more offshore areas for drilling, our bill requires—oil companies to pay their fair share so we can make a historic commitment to a—renewable energy future and jobs. The bill puts us on the path toward energy—independence, protects consumers, strengthens our national security, and helps—reduce global warming—bipartisan goals and key ingredients to a comprehensive national strategy.

The Senate is working on a comparable compromise, and if Republicans in Congress and the White House will work in good faith, we can enact real solutions on the number-one issue facing America's families and businesses.

"We've had an oil crisis in this country for 35 years and we can't wait ten more. This bill is comprehensive and balanced, and the American people will benefit from lower energy costs as we put our nation on a sustainable path to energy independence."